

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Public Notice for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a)
Research and Demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00321/1) Amendment I
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Notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is seeking an amendment to its Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access (SUD-TRA) 1115(a) demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00321/1) to prospectively adjust its per member per month (PMPM) budget neutrality limits. The prospective adjustments account for expenditures that were not originally anticipated, and were not realized during the initial budget neutrality development and later became known as claims were being reviewed as part of the quarterly monitoring report preparations.

Consistent with the notice requirements in the Special Terms and Conditions #15 and the procedure set forth in 59 Fed. Reg 49249 (September 27, 1994), DHHS will convene one public hearing to seek public input on the demonstration amendment. Specifically, New Hampshire is requesting:

- To account for unanticipated retroactive enrollment under Fee-For-Service (FFS). Since the FFS population is so small, the Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) costs incurred during the retroactive eligibility period and spread over such a small population distorted the per member per month (PMPM);
- The budget neutrality targets be adjusted to account for the actual enrollment mix for individuals in IMD's that are weighted in more expensive rate cells than originally assumed; and
- Adjustments are needed to account for rating actions that were approved by the Legislature to ensure beneficiary access to SUD services and implemented after the original demonstration submission.

The complete amendment of the *Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00321/1)* is available for public review at: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/sud-imd/>

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, in-lieu of in-person public hearings, DHHS will use alternative formats, ZOOM or telephone, which permit the public to participate and permit submission of public input. **DHHS will host a public hearing at the monthly Medical Care Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020 from 10:00 – 12:00 during which time DHHS will accept public comment.** All Medical Care Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public.

To join by zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/92124210541?pwd=aVc1MnVzREZYUmRHS3M0S2dBYjE1QT09>

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At the public hearing, you can give verbal or written comments to DHHS. Additional information about providing comments is noted below.

Public Comment

DHHS will accept public comments for the *Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration amendment* through **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**. All comments must be received by **4:30 pm (Eastern)**.

Email comments to Dawn Landry at dawn.landry@dhhs.nh.gov or mail written comments to:

Dawn Landry

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

129 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

When mailing or emailing please specify the *Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Amendment*.

Additional Information

Requests for a hard copy of the demonstration amendment may be submitted by mail to:

Dawn Landry

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Attn: *Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Amendment*

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All information regarding the IMD/SUD demonstration amendment can be found on the DHHS web site at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/> under "Quick Links." DHHS will update this website.